

A
LETTER

Sent from
General Monck.

Dated at *Caldstreame* Dec. 29. 1659.

S U P E R S C R I B E D
To the Right honorable *William Lentball*
Esquire, Speaker to the Right ho-
norable the Parliament of
E N G L A N D,

To be Communicated to the rest of the
Members of Parliament at *London*.

Read in Parliament *Jan. 6.*

O R d e r e d by the Parliament that this Letter
be forthwith printed and published.

Thomas St Nicolas *Clerk of the Parliament.*

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Dated at Calcutta Dec 29. 1852.

To the Right honorable William Lambell

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To the Government of the

Members of Parliament at London.

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Right Honorable,

I Received yours of the 22th instant,
and desire to return to our good
God hearty thanks, that hee hath bin
pleased to owne and appeare for his
people in such glorious instances of mer-
cy and deliverance. I blesse the Lord, I
never doubted of his presence and success
in this undertaking, being so righteous a
Cause; and had long since put it to Gods
determination, but upon advertisements
from friends in *England*, That if I could

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continue here without engaging till the
first of January, the work would be done
without blood. I cannot but admire up-
on what Intelligence you should be per-
suaded of a second Treaty. Indeed I
was inforced to make use of such an Over-
ture, to remove the Commissioners from
London, whom I cannot but blame for re-
ceding from their Instructions, but I
hope they will give you a satisfactory ac-
count of their Proceedings. Yet I ac-
knowledge that I could not but resent
their carriage, having secured one of them
for betraying the private instructions, of
which I doubt not but you have bin fully
informed.

My last answer to the Lord Lambert,
who sent several Messengers to invite me
to a second Treaty, was, That I could not
treat without authority from the Com-
missioners for the government of the Ar-
my.

my, and to that end desired a Passe for the
same Messengers to go to *Portsmouth* to
receive their Commands and Instru-
ctions; who was returned back with this
answer from *Lambert* and the Council of
Officers, That they could not consent
thereunto: and since that, I have not heard
from them.

I have your Army (I blesse God) up-
on the River *Tweed*, within three houres
ready to be drawn together, and they are
very cheerfull and unanimous, willing to
endure any hardship for your Service.

The last night Capt. *Campbell* came
expres from *Ireland*, giving a full account
of their affection to the Parliament, and of
the late Transactions there; That they
had seized *Dublin Castle*, and secured
Jones and others, with a Declaration to
stand by and own your Authority: for
which (on this instant) wee kept a day of
Thanksgiving. They writ also to the

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Irish Brigade in *England*, which I dispatch-
ed to them. Sir *Handresse Waller* gives
me an account, that all the Forces and
Garrisons in *Ireland* had declared for
• you.

This is such a mercy, that I hope the
Lord will make us sensible of, and careful
to improve. They required my opinion, as
to managing of the Affairs of the Army,
which in such an urgent necessity I presu-
med to give. I have disposed of most of
the vacant Commands in *Scotland* to ve-
ry honest men, who are ready to die for
your Service, or to disband at your Com-
mand. And before your Letter came to
hand, I had disposed of Col. *Saunders* and
Major *Bartons* Commands, the Lord
Lamberts Forces pressing upon me. I
could not leave my vacant Places unsup-
plied, but I know that (this Work pro-
spering) you will have opportunities e-
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nough to gratifie them: Capt. I send place
is reserved for him according to your plea-
sure. I humbly thank the Members of
the Council for that Great Honour that
they were pleased to conferr upon me, and
hope you never shall finde but such an ab-
solute obedience from mee to your Com-
mands, that I shall be more ready to re-
turn that Commission then receive it.
I believe that you never doubted of my
persevering in those good Principles I de-
clared for, and that I should comfortably
(if the Lord had pleased to frown upon
us) have suffered in this most Righteous
undertaking. I have made ready to
March, but am unwilling to hazzard your
Justice and Authority upon a Fight,
when it may be done with more security.
I shall attend your further Command, and
desire the Lord to blesse your Forces and
Counsels, and to restore you in your just
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Authority ; which is both the prayer and
endeavour of

Sir,

Caldestreame 29. December

1659.

Your most humble

and faithfull Servant

George Monck.

I thought fit to acquaint you, That my Lord *Warreston* hath endeavoured to stir up the people of this Nation as much as hee could against your Interest. Col. *Lyscot* having been very faithfull and active for the Parliament in this Undertaking, I entreat your Lordships to be mindefull of him for a Regiment of Horse. I have given him the command of a Foot-Regiment, but hee was alwaies of Horse, and is a very honest and stout Gentleman, and fit to command a Regiment of Horse. I have sent your Lordships the Copies of my late Letters, and of the Officers here, to my Lord *Lambert*, and the Officers at *Newcastle* ; and also to the Commissioners of Parliament at *Portsmouth*, that you may be acquainted with our Transactions. Major Knight has Col. *Saunders* Regiment, and Capt. *Prime* is Major.

I entreat you to communicate this to the rest of the worthy Members of Parliament with you.

George Monck.

